

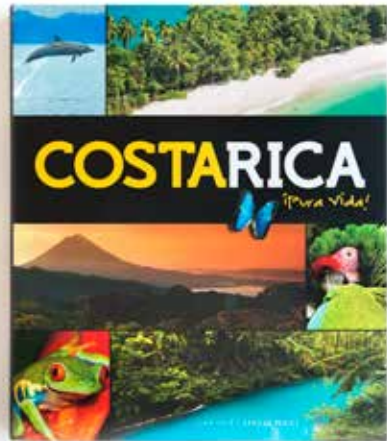


# Costa Rica's Best-selling Photography Coffee Table Books Now Available in US

Costa Rica Pura Vida (2010)  
Costa Rica Magical Trees (2010)  
Costa Rica Aérea (2015)  
Costa Rica Magical Forests (2016)







## Costa Rica Pura Vida

Hard Cover and jacket, 248 pages, 337 colorful photos, 9.75 x 11.25 inches. Made with high-quality materials and FSC-certified paper. English and spanish.

Chapters - North Pacific, Central Pacific, South Pacific, San José, Mountain Ranges and Volcanos, Caribbean.

2010

Includes 8 illustrated maps with detailed information.

Best Seller in Costa Rica 4 years running since its release in 2010.

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## Costa Rica Magical Trees

Hard Cover, 233 pages, 10.75x8.25 inches. English and spanish.

More than 60 species of stunning blooming trees.

Features more than 60 species.

2010

Best Seller in Costa Rica 4 years running since its release in 2010.

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## Costa Rica Aérea

Hard Cover, 300 pages, 300 stunning Aerial photos, 10.5x10 inches.

English and spanish.

Includes an illustrated map detailing the journey of the book's making.

2015

Best Seller in Costa Rica since its release in December 2014.

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## Costa Rica Magical Forests

Hard Cover, 256 pages, 320 colorful photos, 10.8 x 8.4 inches. English and spanish.

Chapters – Paramos, Cloud Forests, Premontane Forests, Wet Forests of the Caribbean, Wet Forests of the Pacific, Dry Forests, Wetland, Mangroves, Cultural Forests.

2016

Includes 3 illustrated maps of Costas Rica climate and biodiversity, the journey, and the National System of Protected Areas.

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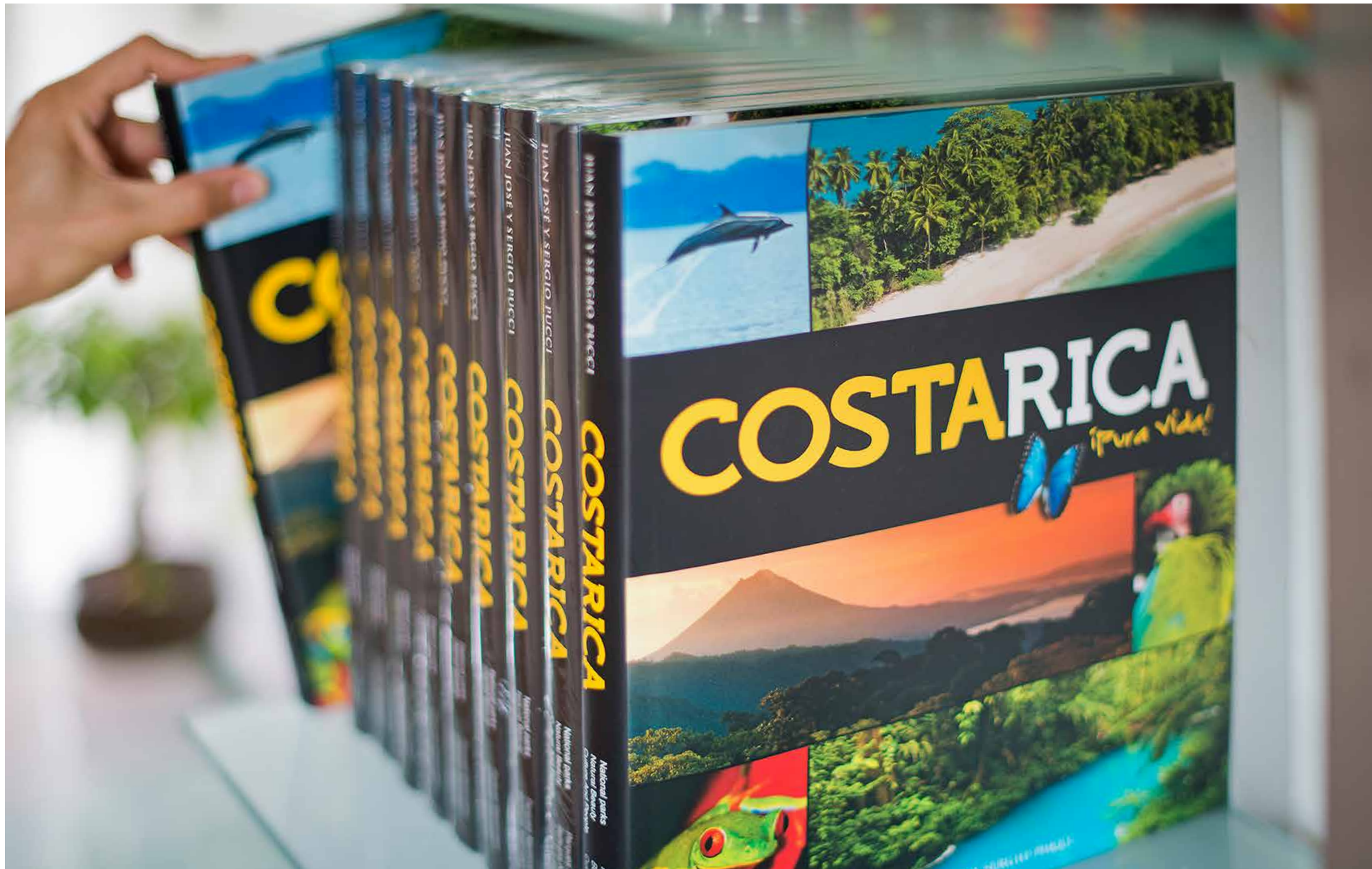
# Costa Rica Pura Vida

**Best Seller in  
Costa Rica 4 years  
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release in 2010**

Includes each of the ingredients that make Costa Rica so special - going beyond the teeming wildlife, looming volcanos, vibrant coasts, forests, rivers and waterfalls, spectacular sunsets and sunrises, to its culture and people: The Tico way of life.





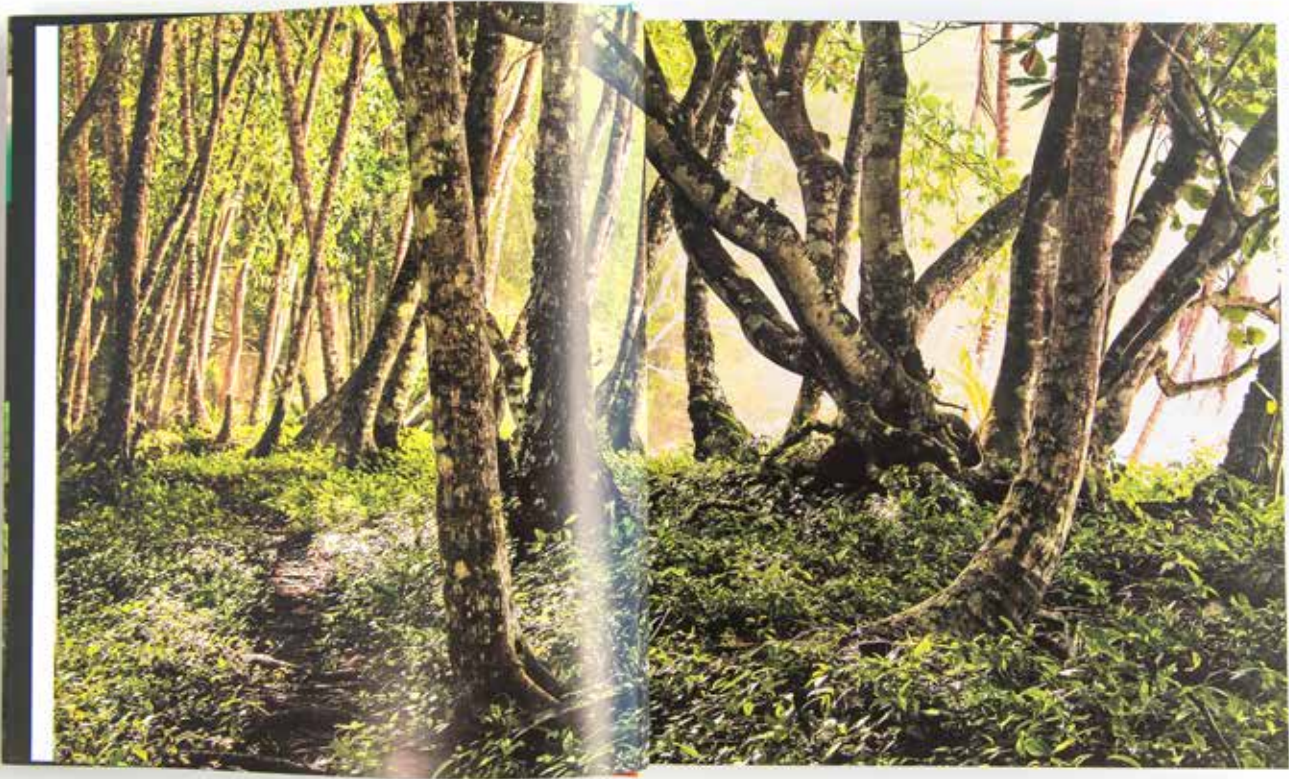


Best Seller in souvenir and airport shops in Costa Rica for 4 years running since its release in 2010.



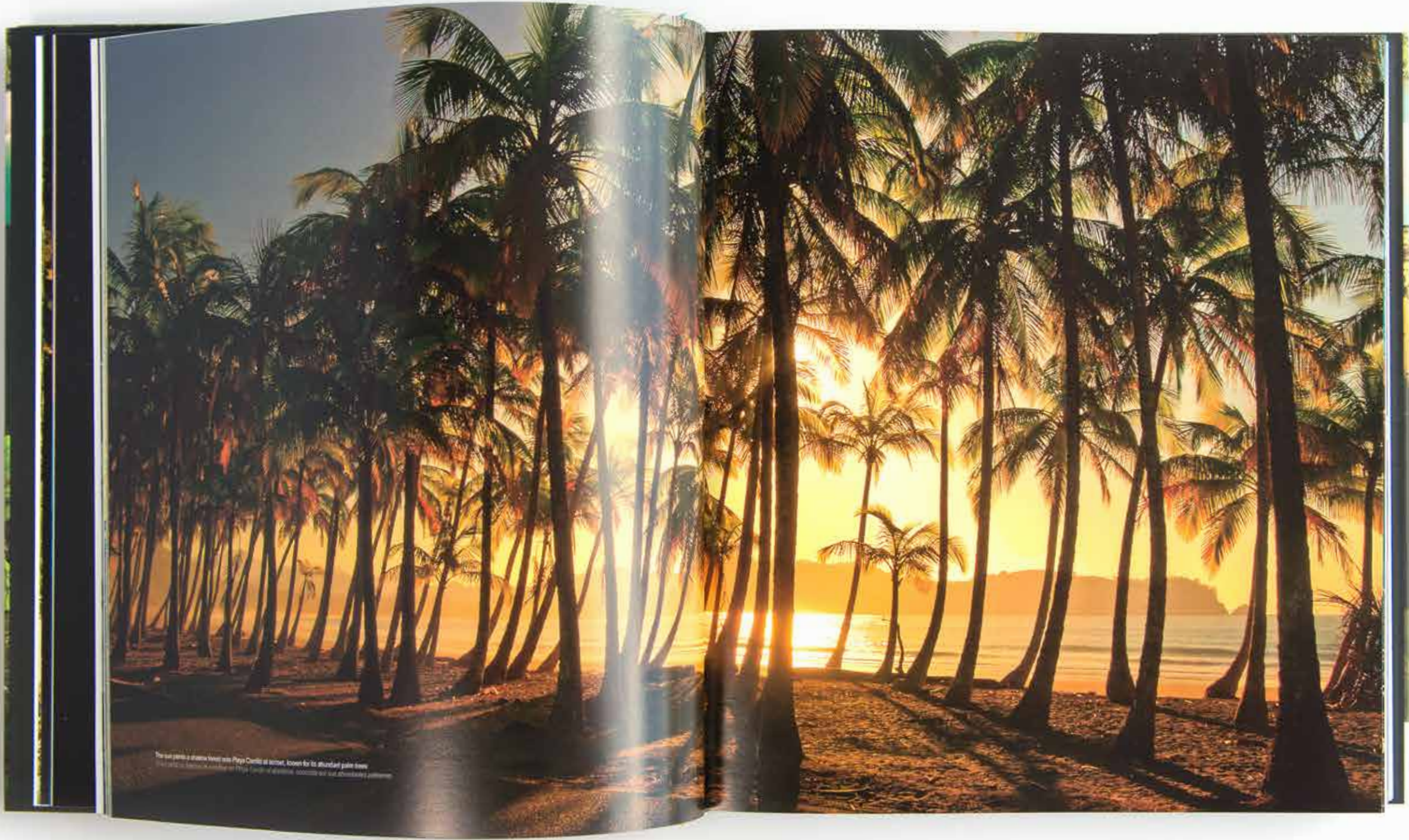


Explores every region from the pristine South Pacific to the sun-drenched beaches of the North Pacific, and the wildly exotic Caribbean coast.



Captures many of the country's most famous and lesser-known species. Spans major volcanoes and tourist hotspots, as well as some of the country's most remote peaks and hidden wonders.



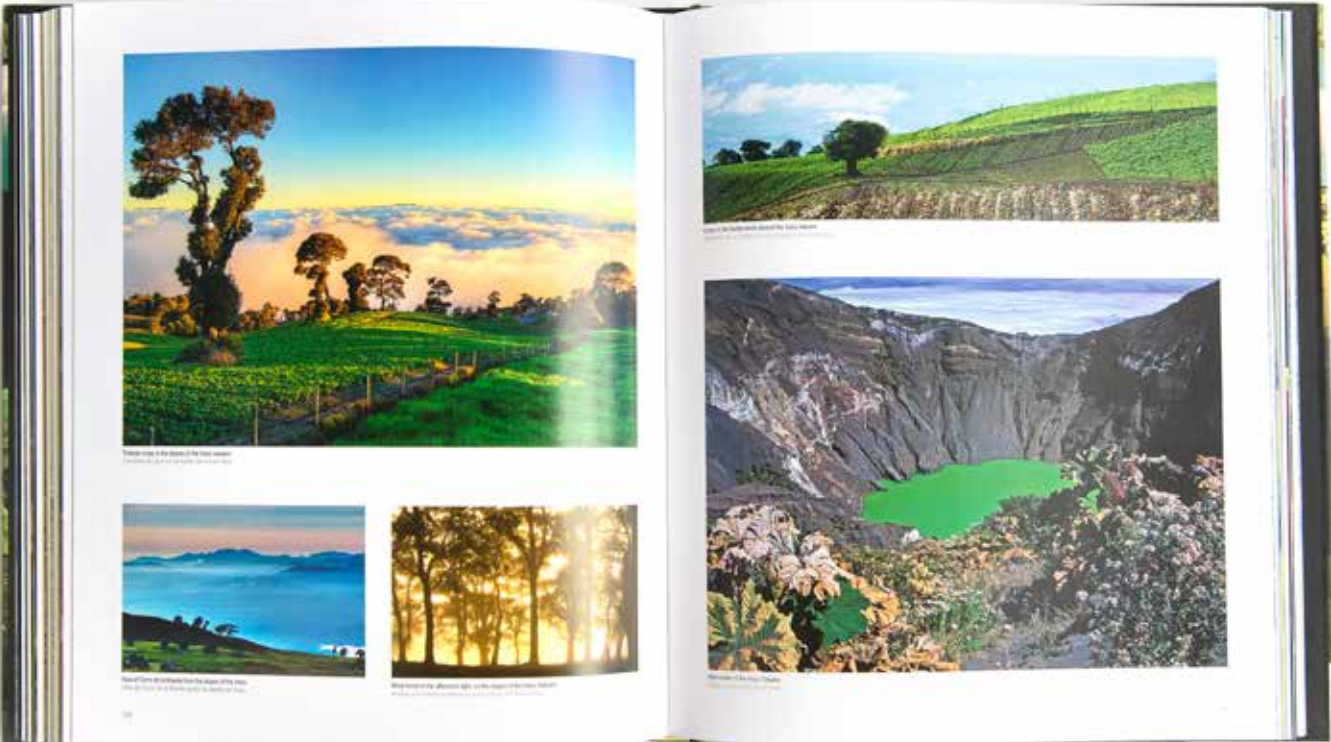


Illustrates the unique cultural traits of each region, as well as the quintessentially “tico” lifestyle.











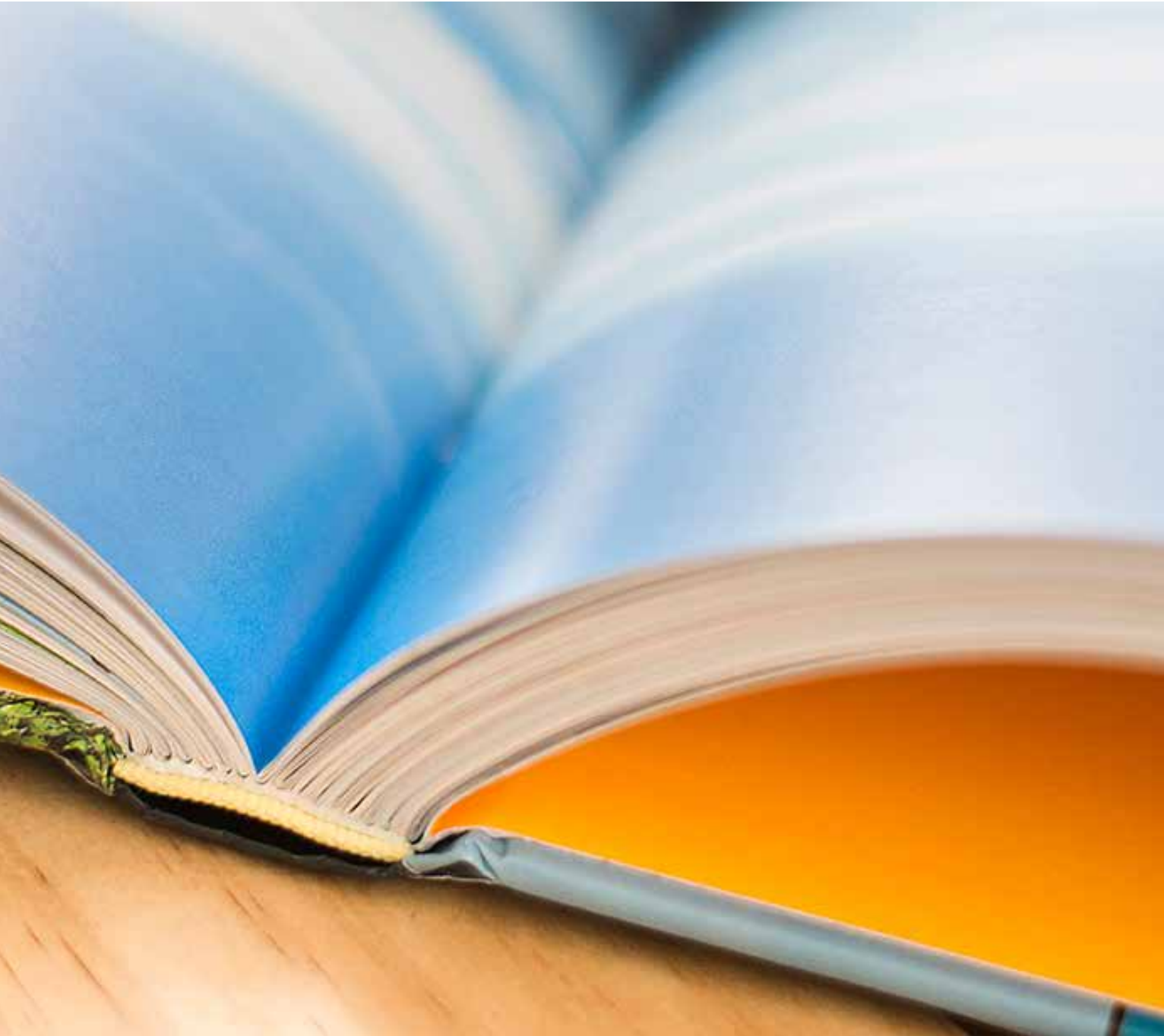






Costa Rica Pura Vida reveals the capital, San José, in a new light. This chapter that delves into the central city's architecture, culture and people.









The perfect coffee table book for sophisticated travelers. Guests will enjoy browsing this striking collection of images printed on premium FSC-certified paper, while experiencing the best in high-quality printing, design and production.





Pura Vida is a greeting in Costa Rica, but it also reflects the amazing biodiversity in this small country, full of life and friendly people – all of it captured in stunning imagery.



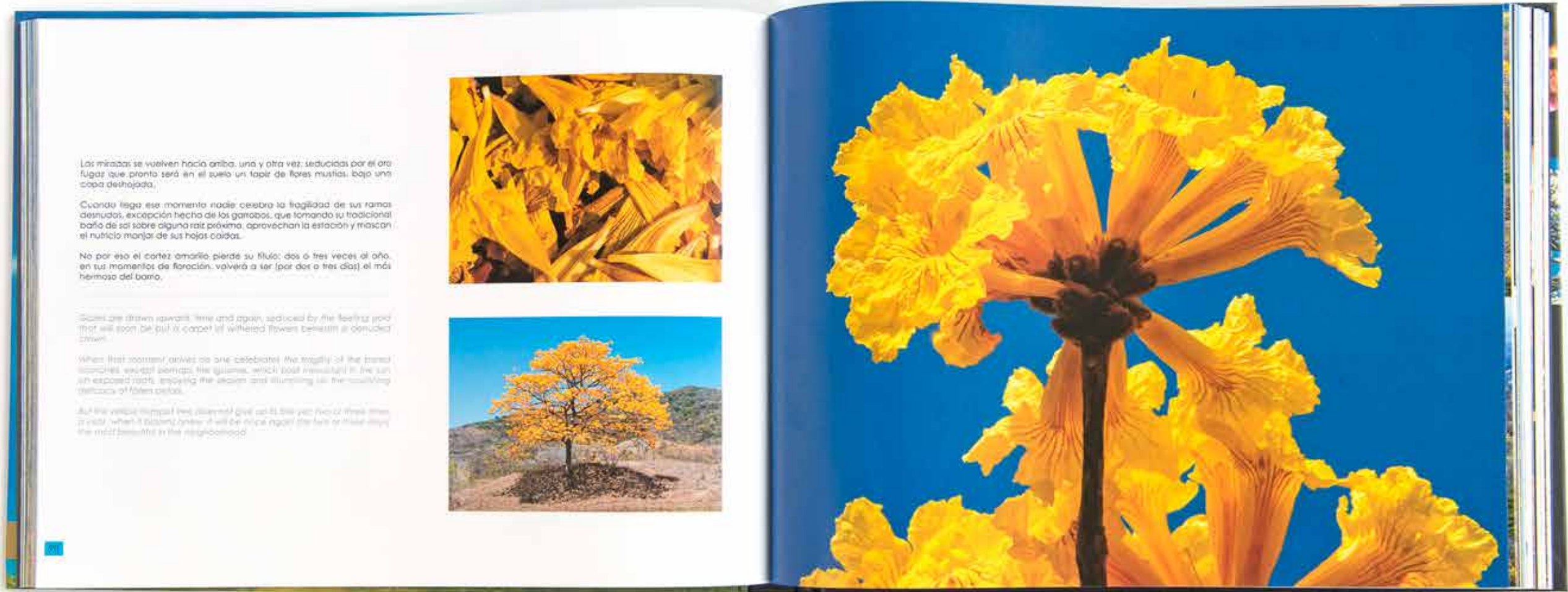
# Magical Trees

In this book magic comes to life in wondrous detail with vivid photographs and descriptions of 65 representative species of trees from the Costa Rican landscape.





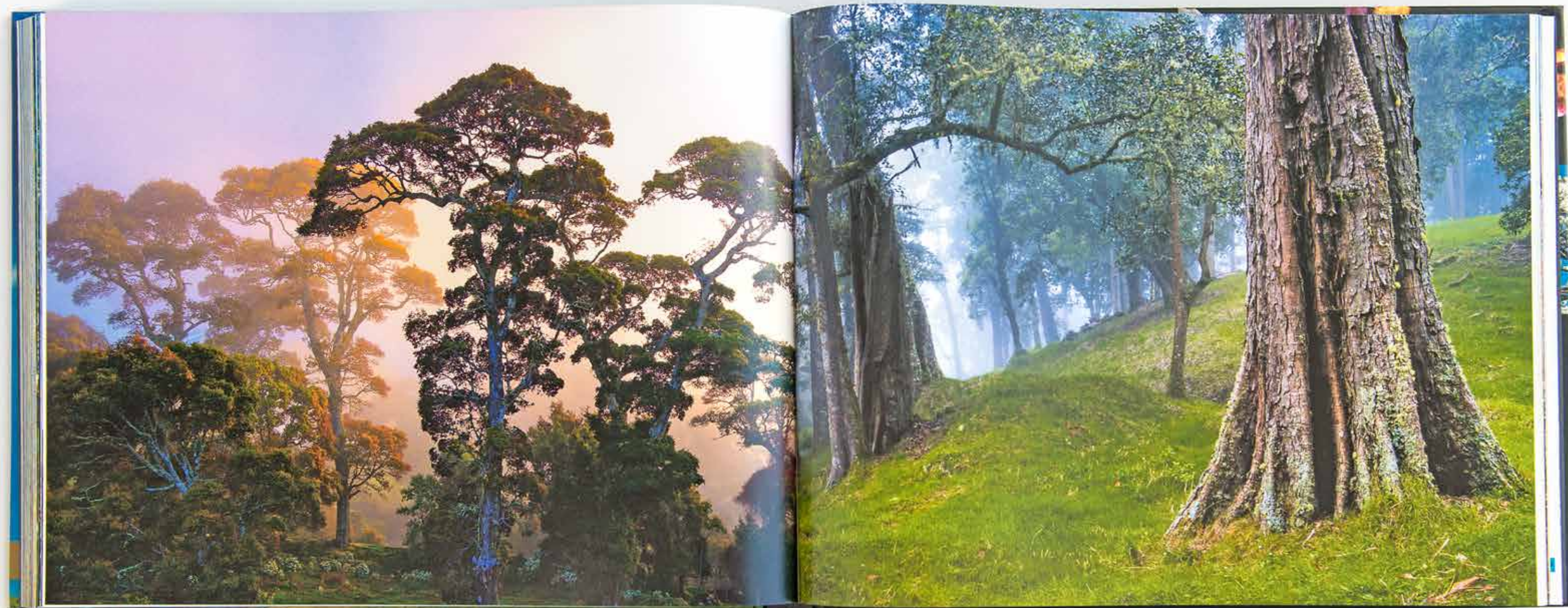
Admiring the elegant beauty, the diversity of forms and colors, and the subtle variety of patterns and textures of the flowers, leaves, bark, fruit and roots, you will gain new familiarity with each of these species. Here you will find eloquent words and images, which will transport you to the very heart of the dearest treasures of Costa Rica's forests.













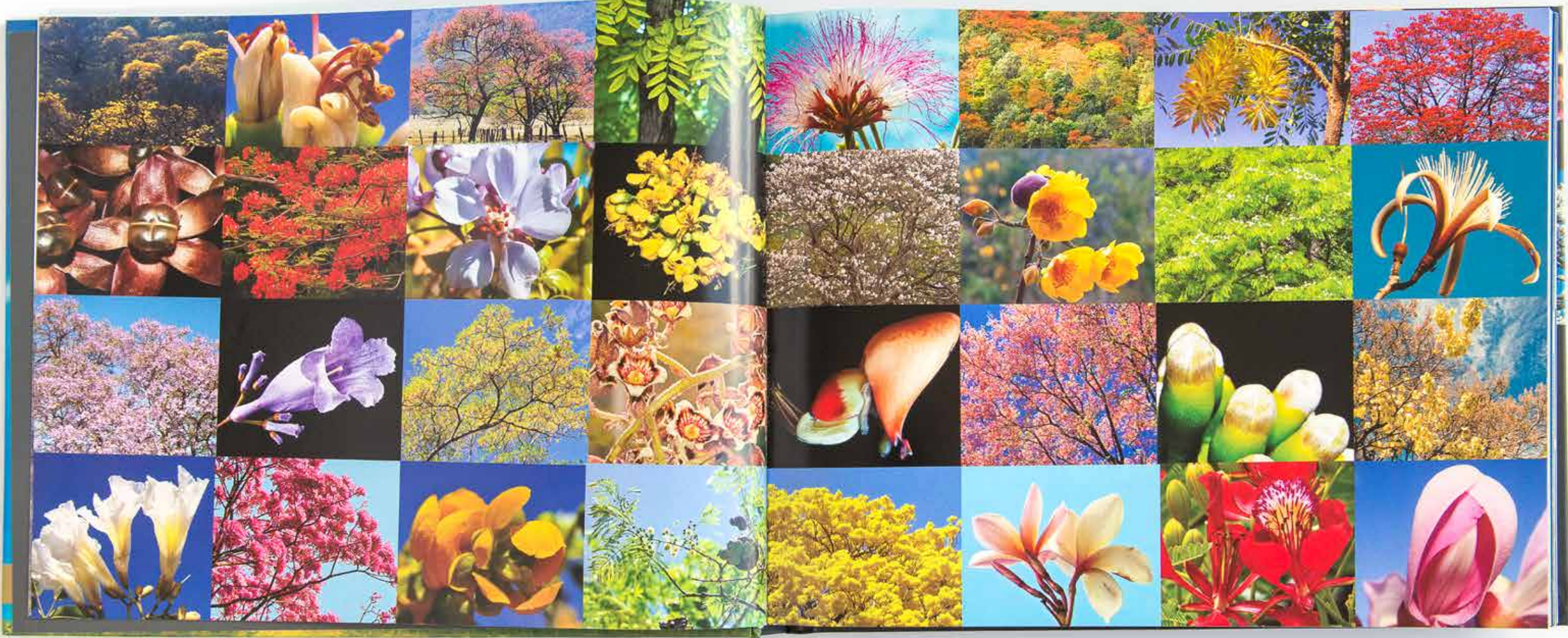


Each of these magical species tells the story of it's flowering season, traditional uses, cultural history, and its relationship to the environment.



Learn to recognize and identify individual species with this artful and entertaining guide, filled with fun facts and the vivid colors of trees in full bloom.









Premium materials, high-quality printing, design and production. FSC-certified paper. The magic of Costa Rica's most beautiful trees, an inspiring addition to any living room.









The most magical costa rican trees in your livingroom. Impress your guests with this superbly crafted coffee table book.



# Costa Rica From Above

**Best-selling  
photography book in  
Costa Rican history.**

This book is a collection of stunning moments. Coastlines, volcanoes, rainforests and dry tropical forests, waterfalls, rivers, mangrove swamps, turtles, whales, gulfs, towns, cities, parks, cyclists, religious pilgrims and children... when seen from the air, nothing is irrelevant.





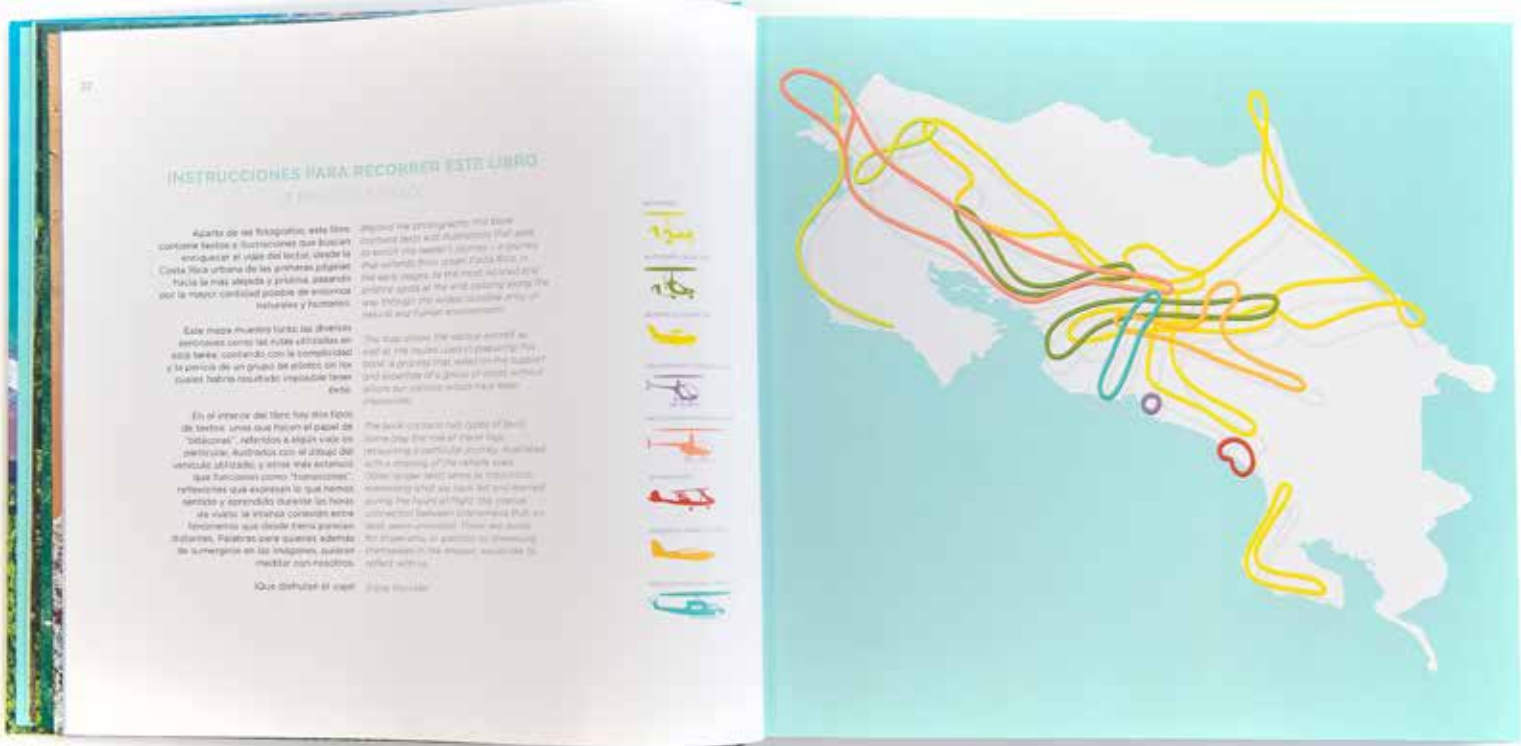


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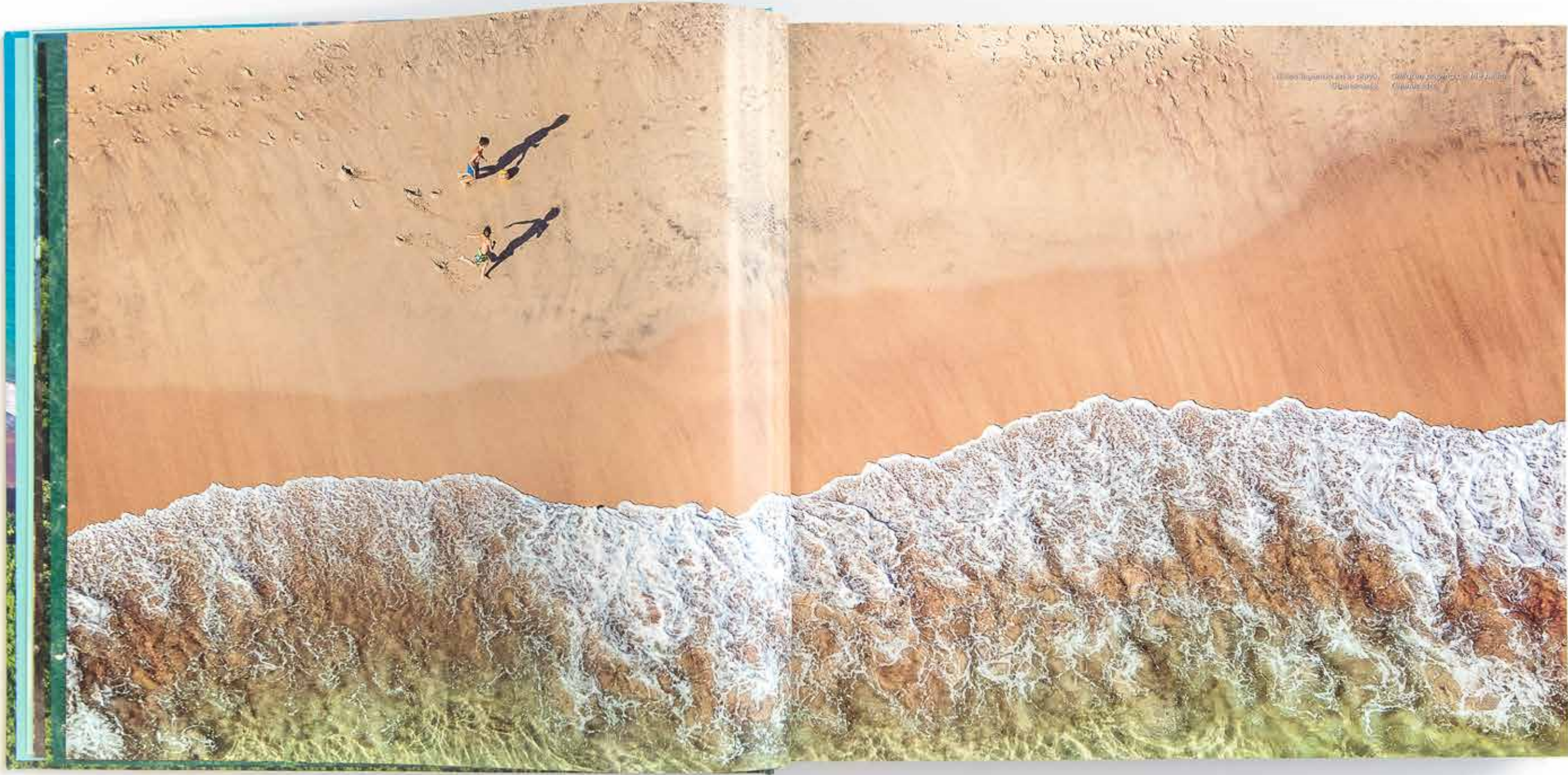


Going beyond composition and light, each photograph pays homage to dizzying heights, to space, to the distance traveled to arrive at each place at the appointed time only to find yourself facing the impossible: A Costa Rica never before seen.



Includes flight paths, the different aircraft used on the journey, and anecdotes of the adventure.



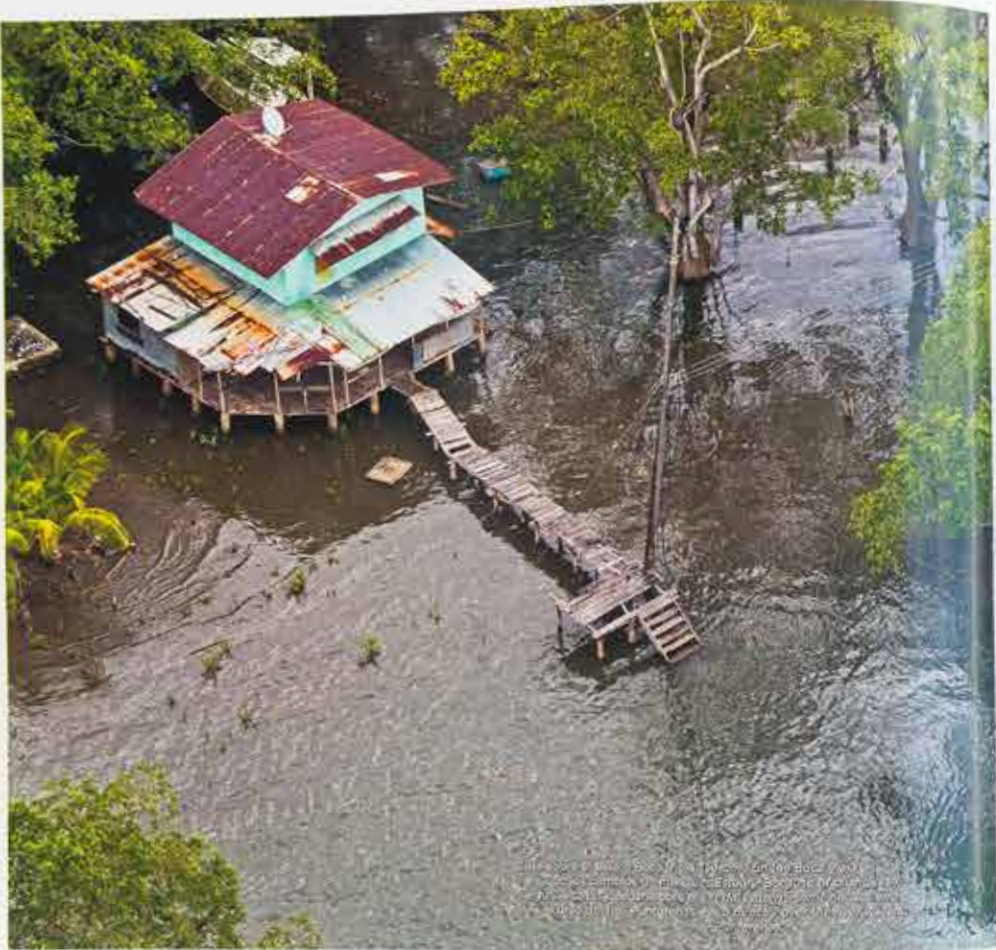






Rediscover Costa Rica through aerial photographs, and explore its most remote recesses from an unprecedented point of view.





A majestic tour, taking the viewer from the cities and their human footprints to the most pristine places in Costa Rica.



BBC “Wildlife  
Photographer  
of the Year”





An interplay of form, color and texture captured from the air.



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## A la hora de la ballena *The Schedules of Whales*



A las cinco de la mañana Sergio se demora junto a la pista, disimulando el pavor que le producen los ultraligeros. Pero está allí, en la mejor época y el mejor lugar para retratar ballenas: así que diez minutos después se eleva, mientras el sol enciende el fondo marino en un día perfecto.

El paso de las horas convierte el optimismo en decepción: algunos botes que no guardan la distancia reglamentaria ahuyentan a las ballenas mar adentro. Venciendo el vértigo, Sergio pide al piloto ir a buscarlas, pero este replica que nunca ha volado tan lejos de la costa y si se alejan más podrían quedar sin combustible y caer al mar.

La "mala suerte" se repite durante cuatro días y Sergio regresa a San José sin una sola foto.

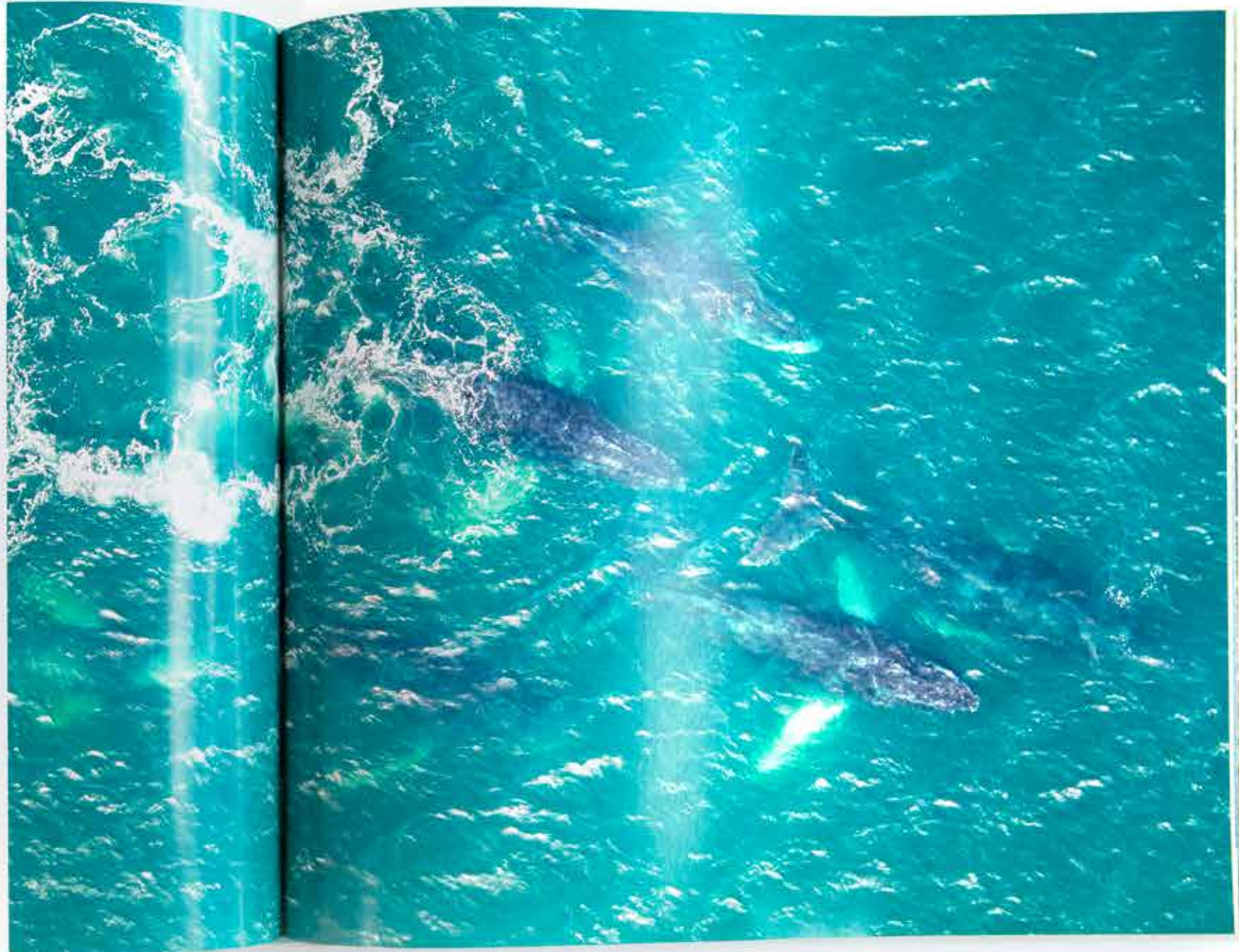
Semanas después, en el pacífico central, Giancarlo va en busca de fotos de surfers. Pese a que esta zona no es especialmente conocida para avistamiento de ballenas, cuando pasa por Herradura se topa apenas a sesientos metros de la costa varios penachos de agua. Mientras se da gusto desde el autogiro capturando los saltos de una numerosa familia (que ante la ausencia de botes juega en la superficie) recuerda que con la naturaleza no hay agenda que valga. Todo sucederá a su hora.

*At five in the morning, Sergio stalls beside the runway, trying to hide his fear of ultralights. But he is there at the best time of year and the best place to photograph whales, so ten minutes later he is rising towards the sky while the sun ignites the marine backdrop on a perfect day.*

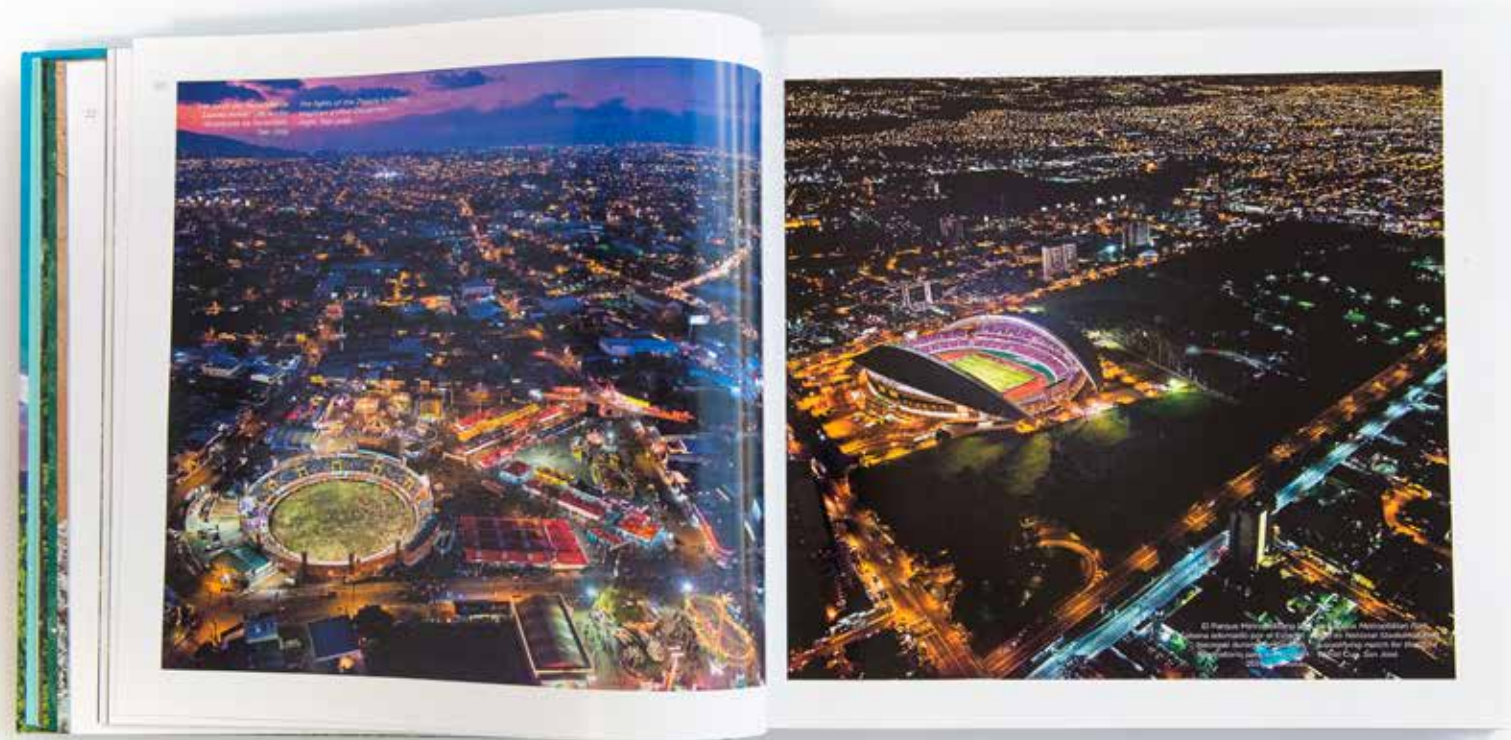
*The passing hours transform optimism into disappointment: a few boats that do not keep their distance as regulations require, drive the whales out to sea. Overcoming his vertigo, Sergio asks the pilot to go after them, but the pilot replies that he has never flown that far from the coast, and if they go any further they could run out of fuel and fall to the sea.*

*This "bad luck" is repeated for four days, and Sergio heads back to San José without a single photo.*

*Weeks later, in the Central Pacific, Giancarlo goes looking for photos of surfers. While this area is not particularly known for whale sightings, when he passes through Herradura he comes across various plumes of water just six hundred meters from the coast. While happily lecturing from the gyroplane the heads of a large family (which, in the absence of boats, plays on the surface), he remembers that with nature there is no agenda, no schedule. Everything will happen in its own time.*







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The world takes on a new dimension from the air. In flight, the interconnection of elements is undeniable.



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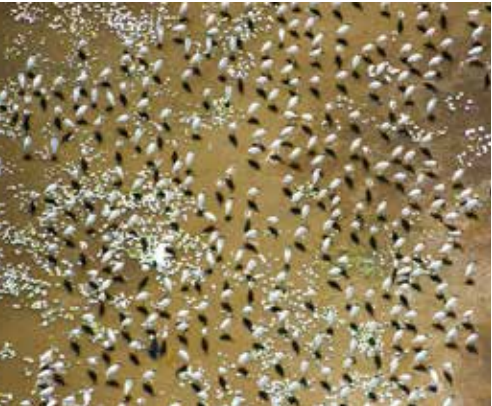


An intimate glimpse of some of the most awe-inspiring natural wonders of the world.









A small country replete with natural riches,  
now more astonishing than ever.



# Magical Forests

**Newly released in 2016**  
**A journey among the**  
**flora and fauna of Costa**  
**Rica's forests**

From the highlands to the lowlands,  
this book tells the story of Costa Rica's  
many magical forests.  
Complete with historical and scientific facts.







These images give voice to a magical ecosystem, creating a bridge that reconnects us with nature.





WET FORESTS OF THE CARIBBEAN

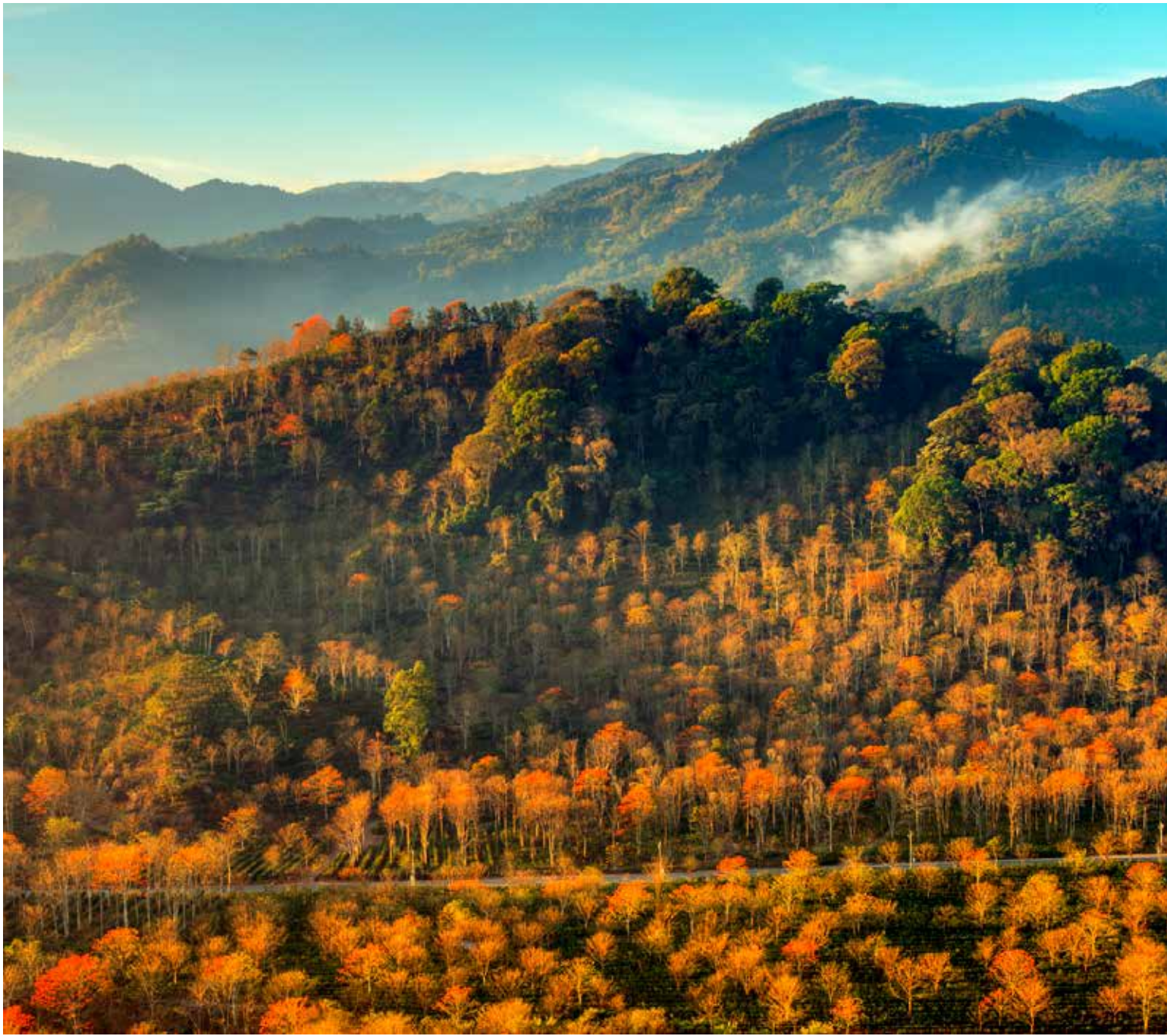
Aumento en nivel del mar debido al cambio climático.  
Parque Nacional Cahuita  
Sea level rise due to climate change, Cahuita National Park



BOSQUE HUMEDO DEL CARIBE

Jaguar en el fondo de la selva, Parque Nacional Tortuguero  
Jaguar in the green forest, Tortuguero National Park











# RIQUEZA CLIMÁTICA Y BIODIVERSIDAD

Debido a que no existe una clasificación única, consensuada por todos los expertos de todas las disciplinas que estudian estos ecosistemas, la labor de distinguir los diversos tipos de bosque y plasmar la forma natural en que se distribuyen por el territorio nacional no fue sencilla.

El mapa que vemos aquí responde a un esfuerzo por definir una clasificación simplificada y práctica, resultado de la combinación de varias teorías, tomando en cuenta la opinión de expertos como Oscar Chacón y Nelson Zamora, además de los conceptos de zonas de vida del Sistema de Leslie R. Holdridge. Las coberturas de bosque son aproximaciones basadas en el Inventario Forestal Nacional (1).

Given that a single classification agreed upon by all the experts that study these ecosystems does not exist, the work of distinguishing the diverse types of forests and capturing the natural form in which they are distributed throughout the national territory was not easy.

This map represents an effort to define a simple and practical classification, resulting from a combination of theories and taking into account the opinion of experts like Oscar Chacón and Nelson Zamora, and the concept of life zones of the system, elaborated on by Leslie R. Holdridge. The forest coverage was based on an approximation of the National Forest Inventory (1).

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- Páramos
- Bosques nubosos
- Bosques primarios
- Bosques Húmedos del Caribe
- Bosques Húmedos del Pacífico
- Bosques secos
- Humedales
- Manglares
- Cuerpo de agua
- No forestal

Cobertura forestal total:  
52.4% del país  
2.677.304 hectáreas

2950 toneladas de CO<sub>2</sub>  
almacenadas en nuestros bosques  
(1)

Total Forest Coverage:  
52.4% of the country  
2.677.304 hectares

2950 million tons of carbon fixed  
2040 species of trees (1)

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Fuente Tipos Bosque:  
Chacón, O. & Zamora, N. 2014-2015.  
Fuente Cobertura Forestal:  
Inventario Forestal Nacional (1)





This book was made with passion  
for the natural riches of these ecosystems.





PREMONTANE FORESTS

Catarata Danta, faldas del Volcán Rincón de la Vieja  
Danta Waterfall, Rincón de la Vieja Volcano slopes



BOSQUES PREMONTANOS

Tucán Pico Isis - Keel-billed Toucan



Showcasing the forests that permeate our everyday lives, enriching them with beauty and reconnecting us with nature.











Easily accessible, and designed to satisfy the expectations of those who have walked long forested trails, this book offers both visual and textual beauty in a way that is meant to enhance your love of our forests.





Premium materials, high-quality print, design and production. This book is printed on FSC-certified paper, derived from sustainably managed plantations.





Fully 52.5% of Costa Rica's territory is forested. Portraying them here helps us to love and better protect our forests.



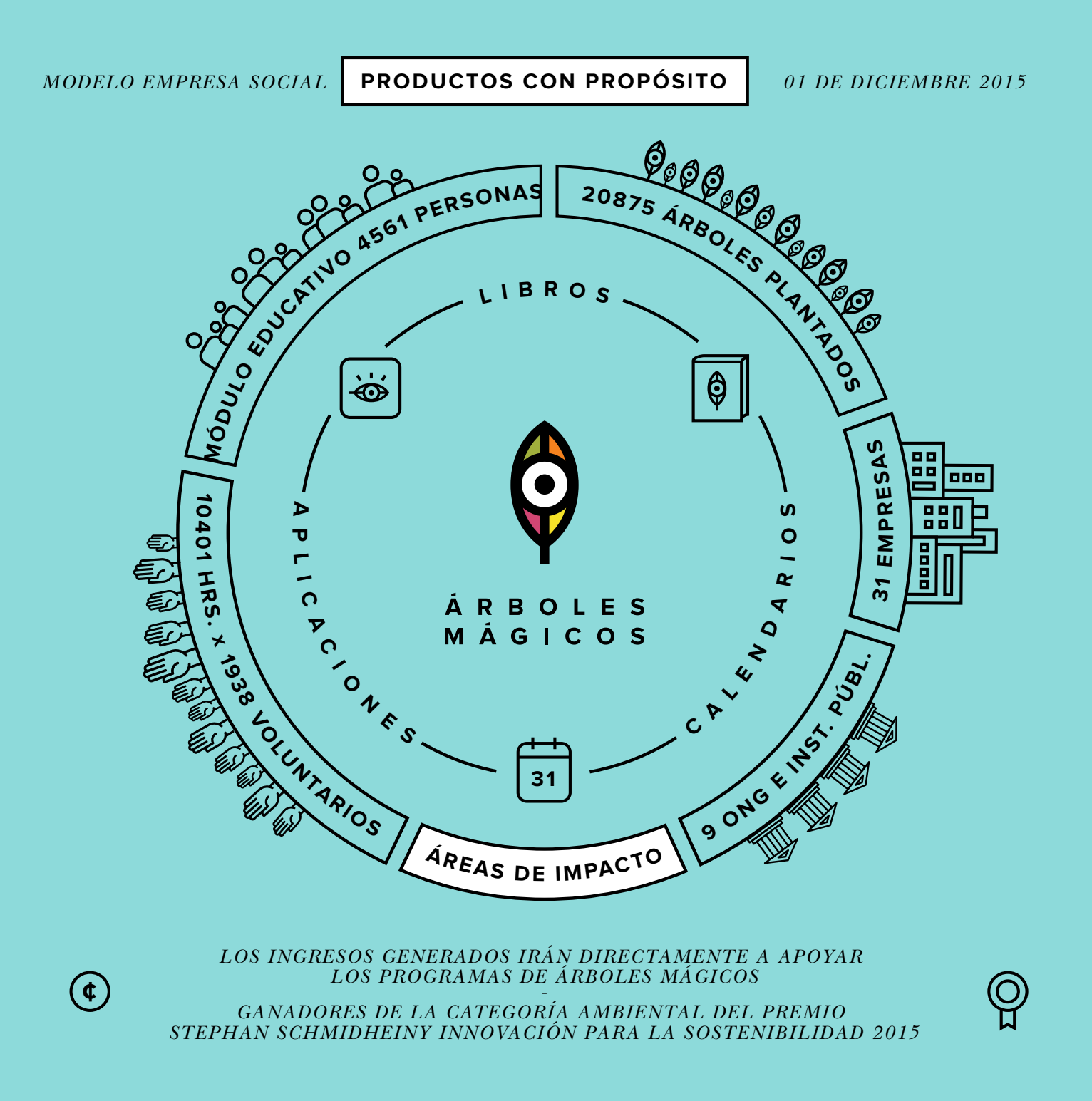
# Magical Trees Foundation

## A foundation that reconnects us with nature

This organization is a non-profit whose purpose is to be a bridge that – by reminding us of our vital bond with trees – reconnects people to themselves, to each other and nature; to be the catalyst for a positive transformation of society. It was born as a means of sharing a magical reconnection experience at this critical moment when reconnection with the nature that sustains us is vital to our species’ survival.







The profits of Magical Forests and Magical Trees support the projects of the Magical Trees Foundation, including reforestation in bio-corridors and an educational module for schools and colleges.





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# Why Costa Rica?

Costa Rica's beauty is the country's pride and joy. The 'happiest country in the world', according to the Happy Planet Index, 5% of the world's biodiversity lives here. Packed into this small stretch of land are sweeping beaches, a chain of volcanoes, boundless forests, teeming wildlife ... and, with no standing army since 1949 - peace.

With 58 different micro-climates, 10% of the world's butterfly species are found here. Costa Rica is home to more than 100 volcanoes, ten of them still active. Also 25% of Costa Rica's territory is protected.



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## A family of photographers

After more than 30 years traveling throughout Costa Rica’s national parks, what began as a hobby - sharing our passion for nature - became a lifestyle. Photography has taken this Costa Rican family, father and two sons, to every corner of Costa Rica. Today we have published several books that capture what makes this country so special. Given that Costa Rica is one of the most biologically diverse countries in the world, our goal is to keep enjoying this photographer’s playground as well as helping to share its beauty, in hopes of raising consciousness for its preservation.





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An aerial photograph of a tropical coastline. The image shows a stretch of white sand beach bordered by dense, lush green vegetation. Numerous palm trees are visible, their fronds creating a textured pattern against the darker green foliage. The turquoise ocean water meets the shore with gentle waves, creating white foam. The overall scene is serene and idyllic, capturing a pristine natural environment.

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